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## PROVISIONAL SPECIFICATION

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#### TITLE OF INVENTION

Packaging tape.

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#### FIELD OF INVENTION

The present invention relates to packaging tape.

More particularly, the present invention relates to packaging tape for sealing a container.

#### BACKGROUND TO INVENTION

Containers, such as cardboard cartons, are widely used for containing, protecting and transporting goods. The containers are normally sealed with staples and/or packaging tape to prevent the goods from falling out of the containers and to prevent unauthorised access to the goods.

However, in many instances theft from the containers is committed by people transporting the containers. The people remove or break the packaging tape and, after committing the theft, reseal the containers with new packaging tape so that the theft is not immediately obvious after delivery of the container. The thieves are normally well supplied with a variety of different packaging tapes, in some instances even with customised company packaging tapes, and are therefore able to open and reseal many different types of containers without being caught.

It is an object of the invention to suggest a packaging tape, which will assist in overcoming these problems.

#### SUMMARY OF INVENTION

According to the invention a packaging tape includes an elongated layer of adhesive tape being adapted to be adhered to a container for sealing the container; a first part of the adhesive tape being transparent; and a second part of the adhesive tape being provided with markings.

The first part of the adhesive tape may be a narrow strip extending substantially along the centre of the adhesive tape.

The first part may be continuous.

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The first part may be provided in discrete sections.

The first part may have a width being about 1/6<sup>th</sup> of the width of the adhesive tape.

The first part may have a width of about ten millimetres.

The markings may be non-transparent.

The markings may be chevrons.

The packaging tape may have opposite edges being substantially linear and parallel to each other.

The packaging tape may have opposite edges being curved or provided with cut outs.

The packaging tape may be adapted to receive and adhere to an intermediate strip of material being adapted to be fixedly located between the adhesive tape and a container when the adhesive tape is adhered to a container.

The intermediate strip may be adapted to be aligned with the first part so that it is visible though the adhesive tape.

The intermediate strip may be marking tape made of paper.

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The marking tape may be adapted to receive printed information prior to being applied to the adhesive tape.

The printed information may be customised company information, encoded information or bar codes.

The intermediate strip may be linear, curved or irregularly shaped and may have a patterned edge formation.

The marking tape may be non-linear in form, for example it may have a zigzag appearance.

The marking tape may be provided with serrated edges.

The intermediate strip may be made of yarn, filament, twine, tape or any other natural or synthetic fibre.

15 The intermediate strip may be provided in any colour.

The intermediate strip may be fully or partially stained to a desired colour while being applied to the adhesive tape.

The invention extends to a container sealed by a packaging tape as set out herein.

### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

The invention will now be described by way of example with reference to the accompanying schematic drawings.

In the drawings there is shown in:

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Figure 1 A plan view of a packaging tape according to the invention; and

Figure 2 A plan view of a packaging tape provided with a marking tape.

#### **DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS**

Referring to the drawings, a packaging tape in accordance with the invention, generally indicated by reference numeral 10, is shown. The packaging tape 10 includes an elongated layer of adhesive tape 12 being adapted to be adhered to a container (not shown) for sealing the container. The adhesive tape 12 has a substantially transparent first part 14 and a second part 16 that provided with markings 18.

The first part 14 is shown as a narrow strip extending substantially along the centre of the adhesive tape 12. Although the first part is shown in the drawings to be continuous, it can also be provided in discrete sections. The first part 14 has a width of about  $1/6^{th}$  of the width of the adhesive tape 12. On a standard size adhesive tape 12, the width of the first part 14 is about ten millimetres.

The markings 18 on the second part 16 are shown in the form of non-transparent chevrons. The markings 18 can obviously also include any other desired graphic, e.g. circles, flowers or pictures.

If desired, the packaging tape 10 can be provided with a number of other changeable features, such as having opposite edges that are substantially linear and parallel to each other or having opposite edges that are curved or provided with various cut outs.

As shown in Figure 2, the packaging tape 10 is adapted to receive and adhere to an intermediate strip of material, such as a marking tape 20, so that the marking

tape 20 is fixedly located between the adhesive tape 12 and a container when the packaging tape 10 is adhered to a container. The marking tape 20 is aligned with the transparent first part 14 so that it is visible through the adhesive tape 12.

- The marking tape 20 is made from a printable material, such as paper, such that information can be printed onto the marking tape 20 prior to it being joined to the adhesive tape 12. The information can be customised company information, encoded information, bar codes or any other information that will be difficult to reproduce by an unauthorised person.
- As with the packaging tape 10, the marking tape 20 can be linear or non-linear, curved or irregularly shaped, e.g. zigzag, and can have a patterned or serrated edge formation.

Alternatively, the intermediate strip can be made of yarn, filament, twine, tape or any other natural or synthetic fibre. The intermediate strip can be provided in any colour and can further be fully or partially stained to a desired colour while being applied to the adhesive tape.

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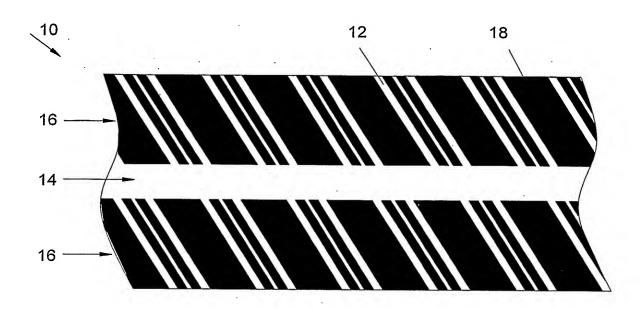
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## FIG. 1



## FIG. 2

